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(Docket No. 47508.423)

In re Application of: Zhou, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1635
Serial No.: 09/283,431)
Filing Date: April 1, 1999)
Title: MIXED BACKBONE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES CONTAINING
POPS BLOCKS TO OBTAIN REDUCED PHOSPHOROTHIOATE
CONTENT

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendment in response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 28, 2001 (Paper No. 18). Please amend the application as provided below.